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Examiner : **Ajibola A. Akinyemi**
Title : **MULTISTAGE FREQUENCY CONVERSION**

Commissioner for Patents
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**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION
OF CONSIDERATION OF REFERENCES**

Sir:

This Request involves the resolution of a minor clerical point. It is believed that no new issues are raised and that, as explained below, the requested action does not require the Examiner to perform any substantial additional work.

This application is the national stage of appln. PCT/IB2004/50552. Various U.S., foreign, and literature references were cited in the International Search Report for that international application. The International Search Report appears in the Image File Wrapper for this case, having been filed with this application on November 1, 2005. The USPTO Notice of Acceptance of Application... (PCT/DO/EO/903) dated November 9, 2006, acknowledged receipt of the International Search Report.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to confirm that these references have been considered by initialing the accompanying List of References Cited by Applicant(s) form (PTO-1449) and returning a copy to Applicant's undersigned attorney. It is believed that this requested confirmation can be provided without any substantial work by the Examiner, since the Examiner already will have considered at least the US references pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 609.03, which provides in pertinent part that:

The examiner will consider the documents cited in the international search report in a PCT national stage application when the Form PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates that both the international search report and the copies of the documents are present in the national stage file. In such a case, **the examiner should consider the documents from the**

international search report and indicate by a statement in the first Office action that the information has been considered. There is no requirement that the examiner list the documents on a PTO-892 form.

(Emphasis added). However, the first Office Action did not include the requisite statement that the information in the ISR was considered.¹

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper. If, however, the Commissioner deems otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge fees now or hereafter due to Deposit Account No. **50-4019**.

Please contact Applicant's undersigned attorney with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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1 With regard to the cited U.S. patent documents, it was not necessary to provide copies of such documents, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. With regard to the other cited references, copies of those documents are submitted herewith. Any inconvenience is regretted.